

Farmers Hall
Pendleton
Anderson County
South Carolina

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Owner: Pendleton Farmers' Society.

Date of Erection: Uncertain. Probably between 1820 and 1830.

Architect: No record.

Builder: Thomas M. Sloan.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Brick.

Other Existing Records: See text. ¹

Additional Data: See following pages,

¹ See reference in Leiding, H.K., Historic Houses of South Carolina, 295.

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Farmers' Hall is the Society hall of the Pendleton Farmers' Society, one of the oldest agricultural societies of America, and still in existence today. The Society was organized in 1815 and incorporated in 1817.

Pendleton, after its settlement in the early years of the 19th century, had been a village center of planters of high intellectual attainments and culture. The families of General Andrew Pickens, of the Revolution, John C. Calhoun, Admiral Stribling of the United States Navy (1794-1880) General Thomas Pinckney, Jr., T. G. Clemson, Minister to Belgium under President Buchanan, and Governor L. J. Allston (son-in-law of Aaron Burr) were among those having plantations near the village and belonging to the Farmers' Society. Its membership was also augmented by Charlestonians who maintained summer homes in the village. There were also, even at this early date, Male and Female Academies maintained by the village in their respective buildings, which secondary schools had a high reputation for scholarship.

The most prominent member of the Society was naturally John C. Calhoun, who was president in 1840, having been a member since its foundation.

The exact date of this building is uncertain, but it would seem to lie between 1820 and 1830.

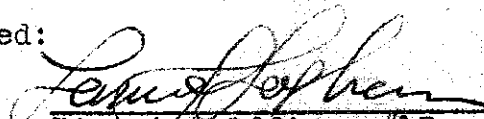
In 1818 the "Pendleton Messenger" (the second newspaper

established in the State) under date of December 23rd published a notice calling for members to furnish their share of material for the Farmers' Lodge by January 1, 1819. The treasurer's books for 1829 show receipts from rental of rooms in the Society's hall. Statements by citizens of Pendleton indicate it may have been built of material from the incompleated court house at Pendleton, construction of which was abandoned in 1826. In 1843 the son of the brick mason for the building stated that his father had built the four brick columns at the ends of the building and extended the roof over same, which would indicate that the columns were added quite a few years prior to 1843, to an already existing building. The treasurer's books also show that Thomas M. Sloan was paid varying amounts from time to time on account of the debt incurred for building the hall. These payments extended from the year 1844 to 1853, when a notice in the "Farmer and Planter" of December, 1853, states that the Society is at last out of the debt caused by the building of a hall for its use.

Source of Material: "Pendleton Farmers Society" (History of)
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Account condensed from above sources
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